coffers being empty? This is what I would like to know. *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: Sir, I repeat that India had no difficulty in raising loans abroad until November, 1989. It is precisely because of the wrong policies that were followed after November, 1989, that the crisis has come about. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next Question.

*284. [*The questioner (Shri Chaturanan Mishra) was absent. For answer, vide* Col. 26 *infra.]*

*285. [*The questioner (Shri Rajubhai A. Parmar) was absent. For answer, vide* Col. 26—28 *infra.]*

*286. [*The questioner (Shri Syed Sibtey Razi) was absent. For answer, vide* Col. 28 *infra.]*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 287. *(Interruptions)* Nothing will go on record. I have called Question No. 287. *(Interruptions)* Will you all please take your seats? *(Interruptions)* He has a right to come to me. *(Interruptions)* Will you all take your seats? Any hon. Member of the House has a right to come to me and talk to me. You cannot deny it. *(Interruptions)* Question No. 287. *(Interruptions)* Nothing is going on record. *(Interruptions)* I have called Question No. 287. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, we spent half-an-hour on the other question. Why can't we ask questions on this? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: We want a half-an-hour discussion on this. *(Interruptions)* Who is guilty of this crisis? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, he owes an apology to the House. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He is misleading the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You write to me. I will give you a half-an-hour discussion. I told you.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: I have documentary evidence. He has given two sets of answers. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, we stage a walkout in protest against the misleading statement made by the hon. Finance Minister.

(At this stage, some hon. Members left the Chamber)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Recovery of Outstanding Dues by ITDC from Bihar Government

*284. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ITDC hotels including Janpath Hotel in New Delhi have to recover Rs. 95 lakhs as dues from Bihar Bhavan, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, hotel-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Bihar Bhavan, New Delhi owes about Rs. 96.81 lakhs to ITDC's Delhi based hotels as on 29.2.1992.

(b) The hotel-wise break up is as follows:—

Janpath Hotel	Rs. 68.65 lakhs
Kanishka Hotel	Rs. 1.92 "
Ashok Hotel	Rs. 0.90 "
Samrat Hotel	Rs. 1.47 "
Ranjit Hotel	Rs. 4.16 "
Lodhi Hotel	Rs. 19.71 "

Requirement of Gas for Gas-based Power Stations

@*285. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the daily requirement of gas for gas-based power stations in Gujarat, the linkage sanctioned and the steps proposed to be taken to increase the linkage; and

(b) the extent of power being generated by these gas-based power stations of Gujarat, loss of generations of Gujarat, loss of generation due to shortage of gas

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@Previously starred Question 205, transferred from the 11 March, 1992.

and the steps taken to clear more gas-based projects to meet the State's requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The details of daily requirement of gas, gas linkages sanctioned for gas based stations of power utilities in Gujarat and power generation from these stations are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the station	Capacity (MW)	Requirement of gas (MCMD)	Gas linkage (MCMD)	Power Generation during 4/91—2/92 Target (Million units)	Actual (Million units)
1.	Dhuvaran/ Gujarat Electricity Board	2×27	0.42	0.42	270	237
2.	Utran/ Gujarat Electricity Board	39	0.25	0.25	227	212
3.	Vatwa CCGT/ Ahmedabad Electricity Company	3×33	0.40	0.40	507	281
			1.07	1.07	1004	730

While the full gas requirements of Dhuvaran and Utran Stations are met, in the case of Vatwa station, till February, 1992, the gas supply was 0.2 MCMD to 0.24 MCMD, and therefore, the station was operating at about 50% capacity. In the month of March 1992, 0.3 MCMD of gas is being supplied to the power station. The balance requirement of gas can be met after the completion of drilling of additional wells.

Gas linkage has been sanctioned for the following gas power projects for implementation in Gujarat:—

Name of the project	Capacity (MW)
i. Kawas Stage-I/NTPC	644
ii. Utran/GEB	135
iii. Gandhar Stage-I/NTPC	650
iv. Gandhar Stage-I/GEB	615

Fall in the demand of Indian tea in Russian States

*286. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fall in the demand of Indian tea in the Russian States has affected tea units in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some remedial steps in this regard;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) It is too early to assess if there is a fall in the demand for Indian Tea in the Russian States as the economic situation in these states is yet to stabilise. However, Government have already initiated remedial steps and trade protocols have been signed with Russia and Uzbekistan. Steps are also being taken to encourage diversification of India's export to other countries including West Europe, WANA region and North America. Industry delegation have been sponsored to secure markets in other regions. With these efforts it is expected that tea units in India will not be adversely affected.

Further, despite lower offtake of Indian tea by Russia, the exports of Indian tea during April '91 to January '92 was estimated at 186.37 Million kgs. valued at Rs. 1014.30 crores indicating an improvement of 4.58 Million kgs. in terms of volume and Rs. 29.34 crores in terms of export earnings compared to corresponding period of 1990-91.